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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATIVE TELEGRAMS REGARDING AERONAUTICAL
MOBILE WARC AND BROADCASTING SATELLITE WARC

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1. ITU ADMINISTRATIONS WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE TELEGRAMS FROM
ADMIN COUNCIL REPORTING AGREEMENT TO HOLDING SUBJECT CONFERENCES
IN FIRST-HALF 1977. PLENARY HAS APPROVED DRAFT TEXT WHICH ARE
BRIEFLY DESCRIBED BELOW WITH COMMENTS OF US DEL.

2. BROADCASTING SATELLITE CONFERENCE TO MEET IN GENEVA ON
JANUARY 10 FOR FIVE WEEKS. CONFERENCE TO ESTABLISH SHARING
CRITERIA BETWEEN BROADCASTING SATELLITE SERVICE AND OTHER
SERVICES TO WHICH BANDS ARE ALLOCATED. CONFERENCE ALSO TO
"PLAN FOR THE BROADCASTING SATELLITE SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH RESOLUTION 27 OF PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, TORREMOLINOS
1973, AND RESOLUTION SPA 2-2 OF WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE
FOR SPACE TELECOMMUNICATIONS GENEVA, 1971." CONFERENCE WILL
ALSO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO GOVERN USE OF BANDS.

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COMMENT: US DELEGATION EXERTED BEST EFFORTS TO HAVE

LANGUAGE INCORPORATED ALONG LINES POSITION PAPER REGARDING
CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF PLANNING BUT WAS

UNABLE TO MUSTER SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION. FOR SHORT
PERIOD IT WAS HOPED COUNCIL MIGHT ACCEPT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE
THAT WOULD HAVE CONFERENCE ESTABLISH PLAN FOR REGION 1 (IN
RESPONSE TO STRONG EUROPEAN PRESSURE) AND CONSIDER
POSSIBILITY OF PLANNING FOR REGIONS 2 AND 3. COMPROMISE
PROVED NOT POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, DUE TO SOME REGION 3 COUNTRIES
(PRINCIPALLY INDIA) THAT FELT IF PLAN ESTABLISHED FOR REGION
1 IT WAS NECESSARY FOR SIMILAR ACTION TO BE TAKEN FOR REGION
3. FINAL COMPROMISE AS DESCRIBED ABOVE WILL
LEAVE TO CONFERENCE THE DECISION AS TO THE EXTENT OF
ACTUAL PLANNING TO BE UNDERTAKEN. IN COURSE OF DEBATE, US
MADE STRONG STATEMENT OF US POSITION INCLUDING FULL TEXT OF
HUFFCUTT DRAFT BUT COUNCIL MAJORITY DID NOT ACCEPT US POSITION.

3. AERONAUTICAL MOBILE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA FOR
FOUR WEEKS STARTING MARCH 7, 1977 TO REVISE ON BASIS OF SSB
OPERATIVE ALLOTMENT PLAN FOR AERONAUTICAL MOBILE (R) (APPENDIX
27) TO REORDER AND REVISE AS NECESSARY PROVISIONS OF RADIO
REGS AND ADDITIONAL RADIO REGS AND TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY. COUNCIL ALSO DECIDED
AERONAUTICAL MOBILE CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSIDER THE REPORT
OF THE WORK OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON POSSIBLE REARRANGEMENT
OF RADIO REGULATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
ADMINISTRATIONS THAT THEY WILL BE USED AS STRUCTURE FOR
ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS TO 1979 WARC. COMMENT: ON BASIS
OF US AND ICAO PROPOSALS, COUNCIL BRIEFLY DEBATED INCLUSION
OF 21870-22000 KHZ BUT REJECTED ITS INCLUSION. THERE WAS
ALSO LONG DISCUSSION AS TO AERONAUTICAL WARC'S AUTHORITY
IN REGARD TO APPROVAL OF RADIO REGS REALIGNMENT WITH
LENGTHY OPINIONS BEING OFFERED BY SEVERAL COUNCILLORS,
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, AND IFRB CHAIRMAN. CONCLUSION WHICH
IS REFLECTED IN TELEGRAM BEING SENT TO ADMINISTRATIONS IS THAT
ACTIONS TAKEN IN THIS REGARD BY AERONAUTICAL WARC ARE TO BE
CONSIDERED PROVISIONAL OR PREPARATORY, AND THAT DECISION ON
FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RESPONSIBILITY OF 1979 WARC. ONE OF
MOST TELLING ARGUMENTS SUPPORTING THIS CONCLUSION WAS
THAT WERE 1977 AERONAUTICAL WARC TO ATTEMPT ESTABLISH FINAL
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AUTHORITY ON READJUSTMENT IT WOULD REQUIRE SUBMISSION TO
ADMINISTRATIONS AND WOULD INVOKE COMPLICATED AND LARGELY
LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES SUCH AS RATIFICATION. DALE

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